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Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Revision

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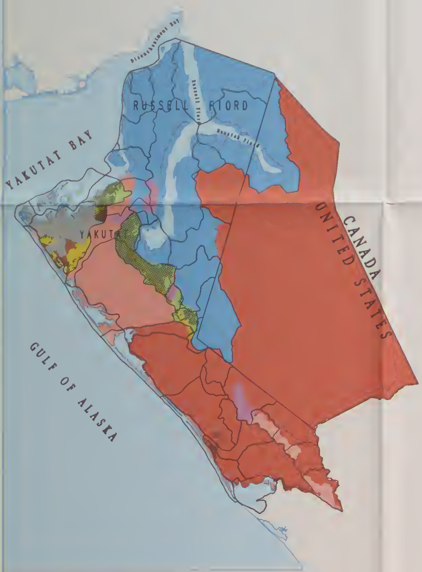


VICINITY MAP

THEME

The theme of this alternative is to manage for non-timber uses the 12 "protected areas" recommended by the Southeast Conference and endorsed by the Governor of the State of Alaska. All other areas would continue with the land allocations, resource outputs and activities, and management direction of the current Tongass Land Management Plan (as approved in 1979 and amended in 1986).

ALTERNATIVE F

Direction Common to All Management Areas

All management areas provide for the continuation of reasonable access to subsistence resources and the appropriate use of snowmachines, motorboats, and other means of traditional surface transportation by rural residents.

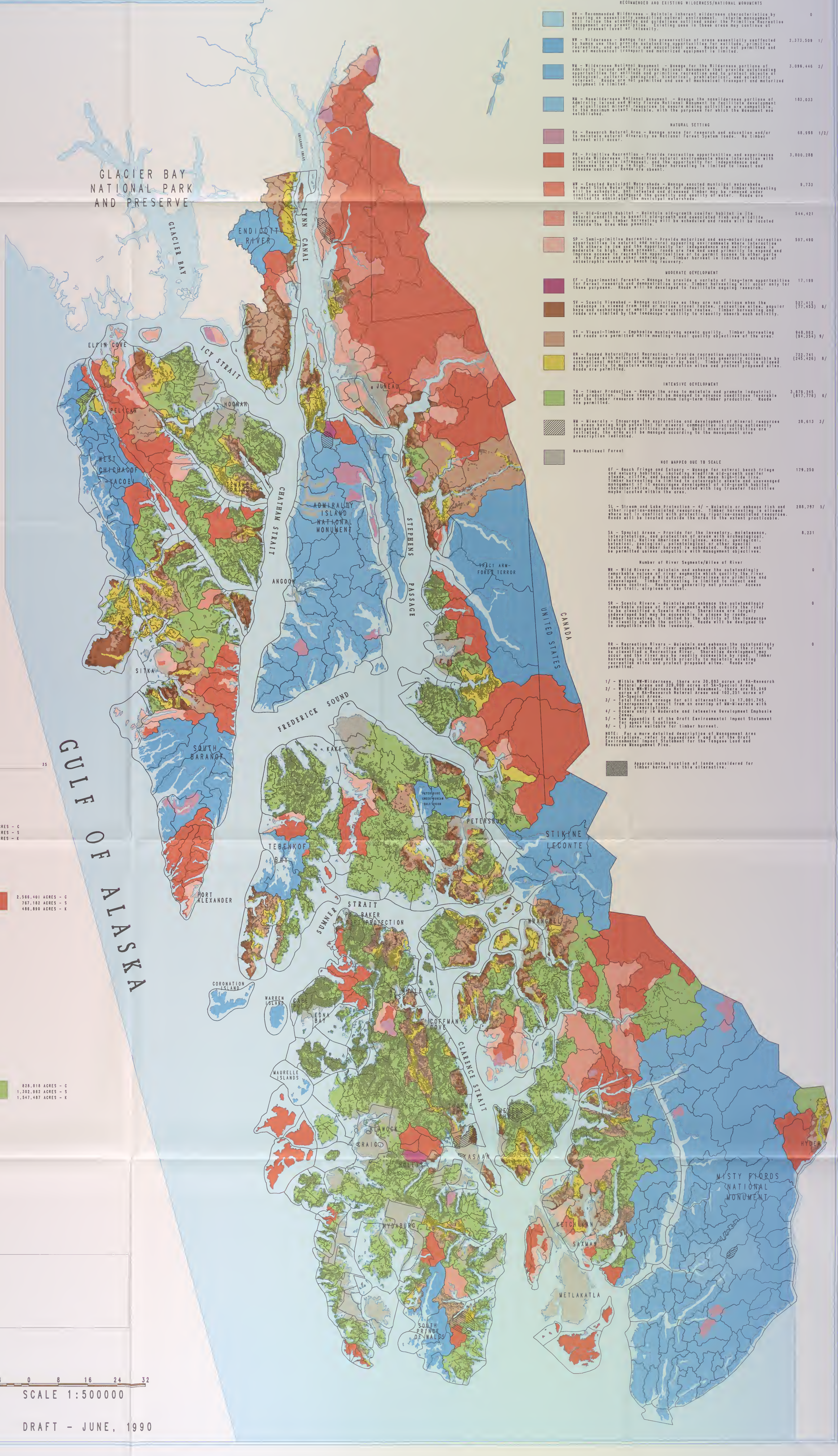
All management areas are open to mineral exploration and development with six exceptions: Wilderness, Wilderness National Monuments, Nonwilderness National Monuments, Wild Rivers, Research Natural Areas, and Enacted Municipal Watershed.

Management Area Prescription	Acres Allocated	
RECOMMENDED AND EXISTING WILDERNESS/NATIONAL MONUMENTS		
RW - Recommended Wilderness - Maintain inherent wilderness characteristics by ensuring an essentially unmodified natural environment. Interim management will follow the standards and guidelines outlined under the Primitive Recreation management area prescription. Existing uses in these areas may continue at their present level of intensity.	0	
WW - Wilderness - Manage for the preservation of areas essentially unaffected by human use that provide outstanding opportunities for solitude, primitive recreation, and scientific and educational uses. Roads are not permitted and use of mechanical transport and motorized equipment is limited.	2,373,509	1/
WM - Wilderness National Monument - Manage for the Wilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Misty Fiords National Monuments that provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation and to protect objects of ecological, cultural, geological, historical, prehistorical, and scientific interest. Roads are not permitted and use of mechanical transport and motorized equipment is limited.	3,096,446	2/
NM - Nonwilderness National Monument - Manage the nonwilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Misty Fiords National Monument to facilitate development of significant mineral resources to assure mining activities are compatible, to the maximum extent feasible, with the purposes for which the Monument was established.	183,033	
NATURAL SETTING		
RA - Research Natural Area - Manage areas for research and education and/or to maintain natural diversity on National Forest System lands. No timber harvest will occur.	68,998	1/2/
PR - Primitive Recreation - Provide recreation opportunities and experiences outside Wilderness in unmodified natural environments where interaction with other visitors is infrequent, and the opportunity for independence and closeness to nature is high. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads are absent.	3,800,288	
MW - Enacted Municipal Watersheds - Manage enacted municipal watersheds to meet State Water Quality Standards for domestic use. No timber harvesting will be scheduled, but infested and diseased timber may be removed under conditions which safeguard the quantity and quality of water. Roads are limited to administer the municipal watersheds.	9,733	
OG - Old-Growth Habitat - Maintain old-growth conifer habitat in its natural condition to benefit old-growth and associated fish and wildlife resources. No timber harvesting will be scheduled and roads will be located outside the area when possible.	544,421	
SP - Semi-primitive Recreation - Provide motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities in natural and natural appearing environments where interaction with others is low and the opportunity for independence and self-reliance is moderate to high. When present, roads are few and used primarily to expand and improve access to recreation opportunities or to permit access to other parts of the Forest and other ownerships. Timber harvest is limited to salvage of catastrophic events or beach log recovery.	597,490	
MODERATE DEVELOPMENT		
EF - Experimental Forests - Manage to provide a variety of long-term opportunities for Forest research and demonstration areas. Timber harvesting will occur only for these purposes. Roads will be developed to facilitate ongoing research.	17,199	
SV - Scenic Viewshed - Manage activities so they are not obvious when the landscape is viewed from land or marine travel routes, recreation sites, popular bays and anchorages or small plane recreation routes. Timber harvesting and roads are limited by the landscape's ability to visually absorb such activity.	527,412 (77,453)	8/
VT - Visual-Timber - Emphasize maintaining scenic quality. Timber harvesting and roads are permitted while meeting visual quality objectives of the area.	948,962 (94,354)	9/
RN - Roaded Natural/Rural Recreation - Provide recreation opportunities associated with motorized and non-motorized activities generally accessible by conventional motor vehicles on roads or by boat. Timber harvesting is allowed with priority to maintain existing recreation sites and protect proposed sites. Roads are permitted.	722,741 (245,426)	8/
INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT		
TM - Timber Production - Manage the area to maintain and promote industrial wood production. These lands will be managed to advance conditions favorable for the timber resource and for maximum long-term timber production. Roads are permitted.	3,679,245 (817,776)	6/
MM - Minerals - Encourage the exploration and development of mineral resources in areas having high potential for mineral commodities including nationally designated strategic and critical minerals. Until mineral activities are initiated, the area will be managed according to the management area prescription indicated.	28,613	3/
Non-National Forest		
NOT MAPPED DUE TO SCALE		
BF - Beach Fringe and Estuary - Manage for natural beach fringe and estuary habitats, including windfirm old-growth conifer stands, cliffs, and beaches above the mean high-tide line. Timber harvesting is limited to catastrophic events and unevenaged management if it encourages development of old-growth habitat characteristics. Roads associated with log transfer facilities maybe located within the area.	179,250	
SL - Stream and Lake Protection - 4/ - Maintain or enhance fish and other riparian-associated resources. Timber harvesting is allowed where not in conflict with protecting riparian-associated resources. Roads will be located outside the area to the extent practicable.	288,797	5/
SA - Special Areas - Provide for the inventory, maintenance, interpretation, and protection of areas with archeological, historical, Native American religious, scenic, geological, botanical, zoological, paleontological or other special features. No timber harvest is scheduled. Roads will not be permitted unless compatible with management objectives.	8,231	
Number of River Segments/Miles of River		
WR - Wild Rivers - Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified a Wild River. Shorelines are primitive and undeveloped. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads are generally not present. Access is by trail, airplane or boat.	0	
SR - Scenic Rivers - Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified a Scenic River. Shorelines are largely undeveloped but may be accessible in places by roads. Timber harvesting is limited by the ability of the landscape to visually absorb the activity. Roads will be designed to be compatible with the landscape.	0	
RR - Recreation Rivers - Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified a Recreation River. Shoreline development may occur and the river may be readily accessible by road. Timber harvesting is allowed with priority to maintain existing recreation sites and protect proposed sites. Roads are permitted.	0	

1/ - Within WW-Wilderness, there are 30,093 acres of RA-Research Natural Areas and 329,000 acres of SA-Special Areas.
2/ - Within WM-Wilderness National Monument, there are 85,949 acres of RA-Research Natural Areas and 102,251 acres of SA-Special Areas.
3/ - Total Forest acreage for all alternatives is 17,001,745. Discrepancies result from an overlap of MM-Minerals with other prescriptions.
4/ - Occurs only in Moderate and Intensive Development Emphasis Zones.
5/ - See Appendix E of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for specific locations.
8/ - ( ) Acres suitable for timber harvest.

NOTE: For a more detailed description of Management Area Prescriptions, refer to Appendices F and G of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan.

Approximate location of lands considered for timber harvest in this alternative.



PERCENT OF TOTAL FOREST IN EACH PRESCRIPTION
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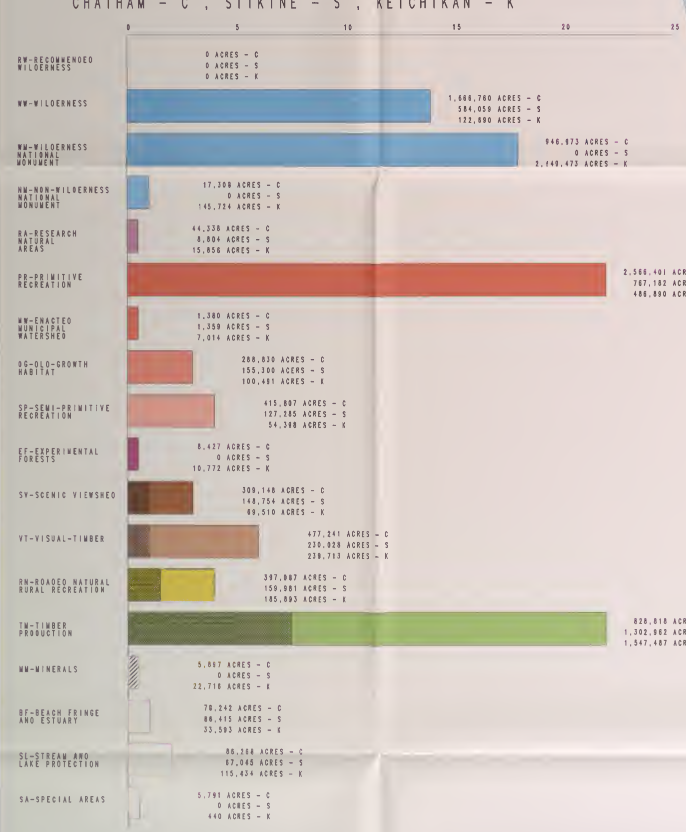

LANDS CONSIDERED FOR TIMBER HARVEST IN THIS ALTERNATIVE.

LANDS SELECTED FOR TIMBER HARVEST OVER THE NEXT 150 YEARS.

There are no Wild, Scenic, or Recreation Rivers proposed in this Alternative.

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